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### SECOND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002, and made final, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

#### Remarks

The Office Action mailed January 3, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-12 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-12 stand rejected. Claims 13-15 have been withdrawn.

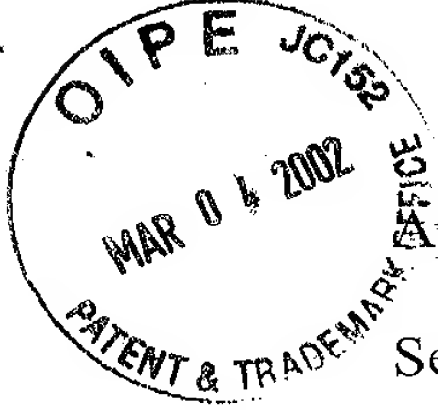
The rejection of Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barahia et al. in view of Newberg is respectfully traversed.

Barahia et al. describe an auxiliary bearing assembly comprising a rotor shaft (4), a housing (5), and an auxiliary bearing shaft (3). The housing is substantially radially aligned with the rotor shaft and the auxiliary bearing shaft. The auxiliary bearing assembly is in electrical and mechanical contact with the auxiliary bearing shaft such that the rotor shaft and the auxiliary shaft rotate together by means including male stubs/female receptacles but also other connecting

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STATUS

2. Applicant

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☒ is other than a small entity.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ second month	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
_____ third month	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,440.00	\$ 720.00
_____ fifth month	\$1,960.00	\$ 980.00

Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$130 = \$		+ \$280 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

(a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ Total additional fee for claims required \$

## FEE PAYMENT

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Other:



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